

Ouabache State Park  
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All interpretive programs are family oriented. Parents and children are encouraged to attend events together. An adult should accompany all children under the age of 10. In the event of rain, hikes will be cancelled.

To pre-register for Fall Festival events you may visit the office or call 260-824-0926 Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4:30 pm, or email Sarah at [ouabacheinterp@dnr.in.gov](mailto:ouabacheinterp@dnr.in.gov). Events that require pre-registration by October 25<sup>th</sup> are:

### **Potluck Harvest Soup Trick or Treating**

#### **Friday, October 26, 2006**

##### **Campsite Decorating Contest:**

Start decorating after you set up your campsite. Go wild! Use Autumn or Halloween as your theme and decorate your campsite with lights and props to be a winner. We encourage everyone to participate. Saturday evening you'll do the judging. Winners will be announced Saturday night at the Fall Festival Fair!

##### **6:30 pm – MythBusters! Bats**



Bats are one of the most misunderstood animals world-wide! Come discover the truth about these mysterious creatures of the night. Then Sarah will tell the story of Stellaluna!

##### **Campground Shelter**

##### **7:30 pm – Hike the Night**

What goes bump in the night? Hike the night and find out what creatures are out while you're trying to sleep. Please leave your flashlights and flashing shoes at home. An adult must accompany children under 10.

##### **Trail Head #2 (near site 39)**

##### **9:00 pm – The Tell-Tale Heart**

This is Edgar Allen Poe's story of the mysterious beating heart heard throughout the victim's . . . er, hero's . . . house. Join Sarah as she reads this classic story to set the mood for Halloween! *Program note: The Tell-Tale Heart may not be appropriate for all children, as it does involve the supernatural. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this program with their child.*

##### **Campground Shelter**

#### **Saturday, October 27, 2006**

##### **9:00 am – Autumn Color Hike**

As autumn fades into winter, the trees put on one last display before their leaves fall to the ground. Join us for a 1 ½ mile hike to enjoy the fall colors. Learn why the leaves change color and how each color is produced.

##### **Trail Head #3 (near site 32)**

##### **11:00 am – Potluck Harvest Soup**

Let's start slow-cooking a nice soup over the fire. By 6:30 tonight it will be ready for us to chow down. Please pre-register by October 25<sup>th</sup> so that we can buy all the goodies for the soup. Program fee: \$3.00 per person or a food donation. Please see Sarah for a list of ingredients.

##### **Campground Shelter**

##### **1:30 pm – Awesome Arachnids!**

The spider is another animal that is completely misunderstood. Come on over to hear a little about what makes these arachnids awesome and hopefully you will not want to squish them anymore.

##### **Campground Shelter**

##### **3:30 pm – Pumpkin Painting**

We'll supply the Paint – You supply the Pumpkin! Enter your creation at the Fall Fair Saturday night for judging. Age classes include under 7, 7 – 14, 15 – 18, and adult. Pumpkins must be dropped off at the Campground Shelter by 6:30 pm.

##### **Campground Shelter**



##### **4:30 – 6:00 pm – Trick or Treating**

Campers – be prepared for some ghoulish visitors in search of tasty treats. All roads in the campground will be closed to traffic during this time, so please make necessary arrangements. The safety of the children is our top priority! Pre-register by October 25<sup>th</sup> so that we can let campers know how many visitors to expect.

##### **Campground**

##### **7:00 pm – Hayrides**

Take a short hayride around the campground to check out all of the decorations before voting begins.

##### **Campground**

##### **8:00 pm – Fall Festival Fair**

Pull on your Halloween costumes and join us for a little old fashion fun as we celebrate autumn. Games, crafts, and refreshment will be just some of the night's fun. We will also announce the campsite and pumpkin decorating contest winners!

##### **Campground Shelter**